

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2356 - SB 2719

February 23, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: This bill does the following:

1. Expands the current scope and purpose of agricultural extension services to include *family and economic sciences* as one of the topics of practical demonstration instruction.
2. Clarifies that agricultural extension services are conducted for the benefit of all Tennesseans, with special emphasis on those Tennesseans residing in rural areas of the state.
3. Revises the composition of the agricultural extension committees.
4. Revises provisions pertaining to the election of agricultural extension committee members.
5. Clarifies functions of the county agricultural extension committees.
6. Allows two or more counties, without regard to size or location, to cooperate and be regarded as one county for the purpose of securing the benefits of the agricultural extension service program. Present law authorizes contiguous counties to cooperate and be regarded as one county for the purpose of receiving certain agricultural extension services.
7. Clarifies that county extension agents and other employees of the agricultural extension service whose compensation is payable by the University of Tennessee, Tennessee State University, or the county are employees of the respective institution or county paying their compensation. Such employees would be subject to the policies and supervision of their respective employers.
8. Requires county agricultural committees to act in an advisory capacity to the universities in the employment, assignment, or discharge of university employees who are partially compensated by county funds.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Makes changes in present law to more accurately reflect current responsibilities of the Agricultural Extension Service.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director